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- | <u>RBD</u> | <u>Collection Point</u> |
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Halle	Eilenburg
Schwerin	Strasburg, Meyenburg
Magdeburg	Meyenburg, Teterow
Greifswald	Ducherow
Berlin	Ruednitz
Cottbus	Kerkwitz

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- | Date in August | Railroad Station | Estimated Number of Axles | Type of Cars |
|----------------|------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 9 | Dannenwalde | 80 | flatcars |
| | Fuerstenberg | 160 | flatcars |
| 10 | Angermuende | 80 | flatcars |
| | Eberswalde | 70 | RRym-type flatcars |

On 23 August, 30 type 52 locomotives and 6 cabooses were parked near Ruednitz. The locomotives had apparently been overhauled and cabooses were occupied. ²

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1. Comment. This information probably refers to devices designed for an automatic conversion of freight car axles from standard-gauge to Soviet-gauge and vice versa. An experimental prototype of this device was first shown at the 1952 Leipzig Fall Fair.
- . According to unconfirmed information, the construction of freight cars capable of automatic conversion was to have been started at the Niesky, Dessau and Goerlitz railroad car factories about early 1953.
- . This information has not been confirmed nor have railroad cars capable of automatic conversion from standard-gauge to Soviet-gauge been seen in operation. The present report indicates that the technical problems involved in the manufacture of railroad car axles capable of automatic conversion from one gauge to another have not yet been fully solved.

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2. Comment. Information on the deactivation of the German locomotive columns previously employed for Soviet transit traffic through Poland has been furnished previously.
- . Eilenburg, Meyenburg, Ducherow, Ruednitz and Kerkwitz were previously reported as collection points for the parking of column locomotives.
- It appears strange that Strasburg which is located in the Greifswald RBD has been designated as collection point for RBD Schwerin while Meyenburg and Teterow, which belong to RBD Schwerin, have been designated collection points for RBD Magdeburg.

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3. Comment. The RBD government had given orders for the formation of a special reserve of freight cars to be used during peak traffic in the fall months. A total of 3,500 boxcars, 4,500 gondola cars and 2,000 flatcars was scheduled to be assigned to this reserve pool by 31 August 1954.

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